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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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JP 11-508461 corresponds to WO 97/01768

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	US 2004/0254465	12/2004	Sano et al.				
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